



May 17, 2016

Community Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Purpose: To Share Information about Proposed Project, Renton Commons, at 215 Whitworth Avenue S.

Meeting Place: Harambee Church, 316 S. Third Street (accessible entrance available on North side)

Time: 6:30 PM– 7:45 PM

Dear Resident,

The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) is preparing to apply for funding and submit a Land Use permit to build Renton Commons, a new apartment building at 215 Whitworth Ave S. in downtown Renton. The proposed six-story building will contain 48 affordable units, on-site parking, a manager's office, and common areas including a kitchen for community events. Outside of the building will be a children's play area and new widened sidewalks, landscaping, bench seating, bike racks and exterior lighting, all intended to improve the pedestrian experience in the area.

Renton Commons aims to meet Renton's needs for housing with rents within reach of working households as well as some units available to those exiting homelessness. It will include a range of unit sizes, from Studios for individuals and couples to 1-2BRs for smaller families and some 3BRs for families with several children.

The Low Income Housing Institute is a non-profit developer that builds, owns, and operates housing for the benefit of low-income people in Washington State, advocates for just housing policies at the local and national levels and administers a range of supportive services programs to assist those we serve in maintaining stable housing. Founded in 1991, LIHI has grown to be one of the most productive affordable housing developers in the Northwest. LIHI owns and/or manages over 1,800 housing units at 50 sites in six counties throughout the Puget Sound region. You can learn more about the housing we provide at www.lihi.org.

LIHI sees every new building of ours as an opportunity to enhance its location and local community and work with community members to achieve these goals. To that end we are hosting a **Community Meeting on Thursday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Harambee Church, 316 S. Third Street.** Lead Pastor John Prince and administrator, Abbie Smith, have generously made Harambee Church available to us for our meeting. We cordially invite you to join us for a presentation and discussion of our proposed design and project. We welcome your questions and input. Refreshments will be served.

The intent of this meeting is to facilitate an informal discussion between the project developer (LIHI) and the neighbors regarding the project. While required by the City of Renton, this meeting is not conducted by the City of Renton and is in addition to any future public hearing or public comment opportunities available under City of Renton development review processes.

We look forward to meeting you! In the meantime, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact my development director, Robin Amadon, 206-957-8050 or ramadon@lihi.org. Thank you for your consideration and I do hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, June 2nd.

Sincerely yours,

Sharon Lee

LIHI Executive Director